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In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki OZAWA et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/994,753**

Examiner: **Sheila V. Clark**

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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on December 29, 2003. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

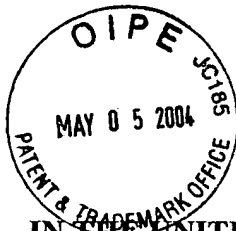
The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance. A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

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concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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